

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for providing a heat treated filled and closed can, comprising the consecutive steps of:

- filling a metal cup,
- closing the metal cup with a lid making a gas tight heat treatable can,
- heat treating the can, wherein measures are taken to achieve an under-pressure in the can after closing the cup ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the can is of a flexible type.

2. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the can is closed with a lid of the easy pull off seal on type adhered by a sealant to the metal cup.

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~or 2~~ wherein ~~a~~ the can is ~~chosen that~~ has a flexibility of more than or equal to 25.

4. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~any of the claims 1-3~~ wherein ~~a~~ the can ~~is chosen that~~ has a flexibility of more than or equal to 35.

5. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ wherein ~~a~~ the can ~~is chosen that~~ is of a flexible type capable of surviving a volume reduction of more than 7.5%, ~~preferably more than 10% or even 15%~~ without collapsing.

6. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~any of the claims 1-5~~ wherein ~~a~~ the cup ~~is chosen that~~ comprises an essentially substantially flat wall panel.

7. (Currently Amended) Method for providing a heat treated filled and closed can, comprising the consecutive steps of:

- filling a metal cup,

- closing the metal cup with a lid making a gas tight heat treatable can,
- heat treating the can,

wherein measures are taken to achieve an under-pressure in the can after closing the cup
~~characterised in that~~ wherein the can is of a rigid type and ~~that~~ the can comprises a lid of the
 easy pull off type adhered to the metal cup.

8. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the can is of a flexible type capable
 of surviving a volume reduction of more than 10% without collapsing.

9. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the can is of a flexible type capable
 of surviving a volume reduction of more than 15% without collapsing.

10. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the measures comprise at least one
 step belonging to the group of steps consisting of:

- using a partly frozen filling;
- having the filling include constituents that interact after closing so as to lower the
 specific volume of the filling in the can;
- adding steam to the cup after filling and before closing;
- closing the cup under sub-atmospheric pressure; and
- partly evacuating the can after closing.

11. (New) Method according to claim 7, wherein the measures comprise at least one
 step belonging to the group of steps consisting of:

- using a partly frozen filling;
- having the filling include constituents that interact after closing so as to lower the
 specific volume of the filling in the can;

- adding steam to the cup after filling and before closing;
- closing the cup under sub-atmospheric pressure; and
- partly evacuating the can after closing.